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TITLE CHANGED ANDREW ARTUKOVICH, was. Andreja Artukovic, Andrija Artukovic, Alois Anich			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - CROATIAN MICROFILMED MAR 6 1967 DCC. MICRO. SER.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Subject resides 6413 Surfside Colony, California with family. Employed by brother in Los Angeles. Subject, wife and three children admitted at Port of New York via airplane 7/16/48 under fictitious name ALOIS ANICH with Irish Certificate of Identity under Immigration Bond. Has requested Congressional Act to declare himself and family DPs for purpose permanent residency. Details of interview by I&NS set forth. Subject reportedly Croatian lawyer before coming to U.S. Reportedly was Minister of Justice and Religion in the reconstructed government of Croatia and in May 1943 was Minister of Interior. No indication of any subversive activity at present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p>			
DETAILS: <p>Title of this case is marked Changed in order to reflect the addition of the alias ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC as obtained from the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.</p> <p><u>NAME:</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">This is an FBI investigative report and makes no recommendation for clearance or disapproval.</p>			
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The subject is known to the Immigration and Naturalization Service as ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC and is also known as Andrew Artukovich, Adreja Artukovic and Alois Anich.

RESIDENCE:

STUART BRIGGS, Manager, Surfside Colony advises that ANDREW ARTUKOVICH resides in house number 64B, Surfside Colony, Surfside Colony, California. With him also resides his wife, ANNA MARIA ARTUKOVIC, also known as Anna Maria Artukovich and his children KATARINA, AUREA and RADOSLAW ARTUKOVICH.

EMPLOYMENT:

STUART BRIGGS advised that ANDREW ARTUKOVICH is employed by his brother, JOHN ARTUKOVICH in the firm known as ~~Mr.~~ and J. ARTUKOVICH, 13305 San Pedro Street, Los Angeles.

ACTIVITY:

STUART BRIGGS advised that the subject is studying English and is endeavoring to perfect his command of the language. He advised additionally that the subject works every day except Sunday and that on Sunday he takes his children to Sunday School and spends the day otherwise with his family. JOHN ARTUKOVICH, brother of the subject, according to BRIGGS, just bought the subject and his family an automobile which Mrs. ARTUKOVICH drives. BRIGGS advised that the ARTUKOVICH family has little company except for his brother and that he had been unable to observe any activity on the part of the subject or his family that was in any way suspicious.

BACKGROUND AND LEGALITY OF RESIDENCE IN THE U.S.:

On May 3, 1949 Mr. FRANKLIN DAVIS, Officer in Charge Immigration and Naturalization Service, Santa Ana, California, advised that he had just completed investigation concerning

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ALOIS ANICH, with alias Andrija Artukovic, his wife, ANNA MARIA ANICH, with alias Maria Artukovic and their three children KATARINA, AUREA and RADOSLAU. The children apparently are also known by the names of Visnja Marija Artukovic, Zorica Doroteja Artukovic and Radoslau Artukovic. Further details concerning the names of the subject and of the individual members of his family are set forth below.

DAVIS advised that he was making the investigation because the subject and his family were presently in the United States under Immigration Bond and they had requested a Congressional Act to declare themselves Displaced Persons in order that they might permanently reside in the United States.

Mr. DAVIS' report reflects that this family of five persons was admitted at New York via plane on July 16, 1948 under Section 3(2) of the 1924 Act to October 15, 1948; subsequently their stay was extended to April 17, 1949. All are under Bond of \$500 each. Re-entry was made under the fictitious names ALOIS ANICH, ANNA MARIA ANICH, KATARINA ANICH, AUREA ANICH and RADOSLAU ANICH. They entered with Irish Certificate of Identification issued in Dublin, Ireland instead of with proper Passports. The record of Admissions as maintained by Immigration and Naturalization Service reflected that the male adult alien was destined to his sister-in-law LUCILLE ARTUKOVIC in Los Angeles, California and that the adult female alien was destined to her sister, LUCILLE ARTUKOVICH in Los Angeles. The children accompanied them.

DAVIS' report reflects that the adult aliens were interviewed by him on April 28, 1949 in his office, to determine the circumstances surrounding their entry and the reasons for their use of fictitious names, as well as to determine what they were doing in this country, how maintained, etc.

Mr. ARTUKOVIC, the subject, said that he was a political refugee who had been forced to use another name in order to get out of Europe. He claimed that he had had to travel on documents made up in Switzerland as he was unable to get a Passport from his native country which is

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now in the hands of the Communist Party which he opposed. ARTUKOVIC stated that he did not have the travel documents in his possession at the time of interview, as he had sent them back to Ireland for extension. He presented what DAVIS believed to be authentic identification for himself and his children all under the name of ARTUKOVIC.

ARTUKOVIC stated that he had been a practicing attorney in his home town of Gospić, Croatia prior to World War II and that he was able to retire from his profession in 1932 in order to study in preparation for a Professorship. ARTUKOVIC stated that he had traveled extensively in Europe and in Great Britain for a few years until his arrest for political activities at Belgrade, Serbia. He claimed to have been in custody for fifteen days, tried and found not guilty of such activities.

ARTUKOVIC allegedly went to Berlin in about 1936 to study. In Berlin he was arrested by the Gestapo at the request of the Yugoslavian government. After a short term in camp, he fled from Yugoslavia and went to Budapest, Hungary where he remained until the formation of the Croatian State in about 1941. He then returned to Croatia and became its Minister of Interior, later Minister of Justice and finally the President of the State Council being stationed in Zagreb until May 1945 when the country collapsed and was overrun by Communists from surrounding countries and Russia.

Subject alleged that he fled to Austria, his wife's country, and from there to Switzerland. He later went to Ireland and from there, to the United States. ARTUKOVIC alleged that he and his family are Romanian Catholics and have never been Communists. He alleged his opposition to that group.

ARTUKOVIC presented a letter signed by Reverend STEPHEN LACKOVIC DD of "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus R.C. Church", Lackawanna, New York dated March 23, 1949 who said that he had been Secretary to Arch-Bishop ALOYSIUS STEPINAC of Zagreb who is now in prison in Yugoslavia. The letter continued that Reverend LACKOVIC personally knew that ARTUKOVIC was very active in carrying out the wishes of Arch-Bishop STEPINAC.

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ARTUKOVIC alleged to DAVIS that he was not engaged in any sort of activity but that he spends all his time reading and studying the English language and other subjects. He explained that his brother JOHN M. ARTUKOVIC had let him and his family live in one of his houses and that the brother pays all expenses. He alleged that his brother is a well-to-do contractor, doing business with a cousin, PETER ARTUKOVIC with offices at 13305 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles.

Subject alleged that he had no means of his own. DAVIS advised that questioning of the subject's wife verified the statements made by subject. She denied that she had ever been associated with the Communists or any other political group.

DAVIS' report concluded that ARTUKOVIC was Minister of Interior, later Minister of Justice in the government set up at Zagreb, Croatia in the spring of 1941 and before the end of that government, was President of the State Council.

His report continued that from such histories as were locally available, it would appear that the Croatian government was one of the Axis dominated governments set up after the Germans overran that area. It was the government headed by ANTE PAVOLIC, an Anti-Communist but pro-Nazi dictator.

The 1940 Croatia Almanac listed one Doctor ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC of Svicarska as a member of the Secretariat of the Organization "Croatian National Representation for the Independence of Croatia". This individual is believed identical with the subject.

Confidential Informant SD T-1, another government agency conducting intelligence investigations, submitted information from Italy in 1943, the source of the Informant's information and the reliability of it is unknown. The information is that ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC (believed identical with subject), comes from Dalmatia. He is a Croat lawyer, who left the country in 1932 and became one of PAVELIC's most active collaborators in the work of terrorism organized by Italy against Yugoslavia. He was deeply involved in the

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Marseilles assassination. ARTUKOVIC was arrested by the French police and handed over to the Yugoslavian authorities by whom he was eventually released. He fled to Berlin where he was arrested with one JELIC and another individual in July 1937 but was released under supervision.

When the headquarters of the Ustasi moved to Berlin in 1937 ARTUKOVIC took charge. He joined PAVELIC in 1941 and became Minister of the Interior in PAVELIC's puppet government.

The information continued that ARTUKOVIC was regarded by those who knew him as a "desquillibre". The JELIC referred to is believed to be BRANIMIR DROZOVIC JELIC, who also used the alias ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, furnished information from an undisclosed source of unknown reliability, that JELIC was in the United States in 1939 during which time he appeared to be active on the part of the movement for the independence of Croatia. At a hearing before a Special Board of Inquiry on February 20, 1939 which was held with reference to JELIC's stay in the United States he admitted using the name of ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC in order to allow an individual of that name to obtain credentials for admission to the United States.

Confidential Informant T-2 furnished information from an undisclosed source of unknown reliability that one IVAN ARTUKOVIC in Los Angeles had a brother by the name of ANDREW ARTUKOVICH, who was a lawyer in Hungary, who was trying to come to the United States to take over the work of Doctor JELIC when JELIC returned to Europe. This was apparently in connection with the organization known as Hrvatski Domobran which was indicated to have been formed by JELIC in 1931 and was a Croatian organization. JELIC reportedly left South America in 1934 for the United States in order to organize Croatian Separatists movement here.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the Hrvatski Domobran was organized in New York City in 1934-1935 on a nation-wide scale in an effort to unite the Croats in the United States behind one Doctor ANTE PAVELICH and his move-

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ment to establish an independent State of Croatia. Information available to Confidential Informant T-2 indicated that considerable activity was conducted in the United States by the Domobran in that direction. Following the invasion of Yugoslavia by Germany in April 1941, PAVELICH was set up as Dictator of Croatia under the protection of Axis powers. The Hrvatski Domobran was ostensibly disbanded in June 1941, it being claimed that the purpose for which it was originally organized, had been realized.

On February 6, 1942 the records of KARLO KROMPOTICH of Forest Hills, Pennsylvania were made available to the FBI by his wife, HELEN KROMPOTICH. She stated that her husband KARLO, was for many years Treasurer of the Hrvatski Domobran which she stated was an organization formed for the purpose of collecting money in the United States to be used in defense of Croatian patriots accused of having murdered King ALEXANDER of Yugoslavia. Her husband was Treasurer as long as the collection of funds was carried on.

The records of KARLO KROMPOTICH consisted of correspondence received by him from 1935 to 1940 from persons in the United States and abroad who made contributions to a fund administered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by a committee known as the Croatian National Committee or the Croatian National Representation for the Independence of Croatia. The records reflected that this organization sent funds to Doctor ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC at Budapest and in Paris in 1936 and 1937 in the total amount of \$425.00. On May 17, 1940 \$50.00 was sent to ARTUKOVIC.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that it had received information from an undisclosed source of unknown reliability that as of October 1942 ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC was Minister of Justice and Religion in the reconstructed government. As of May 1943 it was indicated that he was Minister for the Interior. Confidential Informant T-3, another government agency conducting intelligence investigations, advised on May 11, 1943 that it had determined from an undisclosed source of unknown reliability, that Doctor ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC was one of the Secretaries of the Croatian National Representation and head of the "Croatian Gestapo".

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It was further stated therein that Doctor ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC among others, was sent to the United States in 1930 for the purpose of collecting funds (apparently for this organization). It also stated that JOHN M. ARTUKOVIC (apparently the brother of subject) was interviewed on August 6, 1942. He stated that he was a member of the Domobran Ustashe and was President thereof in 1938, 1939 and 1940 (this apparently refers to the organization in Los Angeles).

It was stated by T-3 that Doctor ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC "Head of the Croatian Gestapo" was his brother but that he had not heard from him since 1939.

IVAN METKOVICH was interviewed by Confidential Informant SD T-3 in 1942. METKOVICH was Secretary of the Los Angeles Branch of the Domobran. He stated that JOHN A. ARTUKOVIC transmitted money to his father to defend Doctor ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC in Yugoslavia.

ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC was stated to have been in London when King ALEXANDER of Yugoslavia was assassinated. England turned subject over to France which country, in turn, gave him to Yugoslavia because it was believed that he had a hand in the assassination. METKOVICH stated or informed to Confidential Informant T-3 that ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC at that time was the head of PAVELIC's Gestapo.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that JOHN A. ARTUKOVIC of Los Angeles, California is an uncle of the subject and that JOHN M. ARTUKOVIC is his brother. According to this Informant, JOHN M. ARTUKOVIC was the President of the Hrvatski Domobran in the Los Angeles area.

In 1944 Confidential Informant SD T-5, of known reliability, advised that the Domobran first flourished in the early thirties when through PAVELIC it first became an organized party for the independence of Croatia. This source stated that the ARTUKOVIC family were among the most ardent supporters of the organization due to their intense hatred for the Serbs. This source stated that early in the thirties, JOHN A. ARTUKOVIC and JOHN M. ARTUKOVIC visited Europe where they met the subject who at that time reportedly was a member of PAVELIC's cabinet in the puppet government

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of Croatia. This source stated that it was his belief that the subject inspired his uncle and brother to return to this country to foster the Domobran.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised in 1946 that it had received information from an unidentified source of unknown reliability that ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC was Minister of the Interior in the Independent Puppet State of Croatia under the leadership of POGLAVNIK ANTE PAVELIC. ARTUKOVIC was "Keeper of the Seal" and was last known to the source available to Confidential Informant T-1, to be in the British zone of occupation in Austria.

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